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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently amended)** An animal-derived or plant-derived tissue section-containing carrier for seeding and culturing animal cells, comprising a tissue section having a thickness of 0.5 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ , which is adhered to a support and rinsed with a culture medium and further comprises the culture medium.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Previously presented)** The animal or plant derived tissue section-containing carrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support is at least one selected from glass, plastics, rubber, metal, natural or synthetic thread and/or its woven matters, and biodegradable materials.

4. **(Previously presented)** The animal or plant-derived tissue section-containing carrier as claimed in claim 1 or 3, wherein the support is previously processed for promoting the section adhesion thereto or for promoting the section adhesion thereto under stretch.

5. **(Previously presented)** The animal or plant derived tissue section-containing carrier as claimed in claim 1, for which the tissue is prepared from a fresh tissue or a tissue previously fixed by the use of a fixing reagent.

6. **(Previously presented)** The animal or plant-derived tissue section-containing carrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tissue is processed for acellularization before or after it has been sectioned.

7. **(Cancelled)**